

19 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Request for Loan of P-9 Positions

1. It has become apparent that the further successful development of the scientific intelligence program of this Agency will be more and more dependent upon our ability to attract at least a few outstanding scientific personalities who, for economic reasons, cannot afford to accept appointment to a government position at the P-8 salary level. For this reason we are proposing legislation to the next Congress to authorize scientific positions at the P-9 level under provisions similar to those in Public Law 313 - 80th Congress.
2. Pending passage of such legislation it has become imperative to obtain at least one such position to cover the employment of a competent chief of our scientific intelligence organization, with probable further immediate need for two additional such positions.
3. In conversation with the chiefs of your research and development programs, it has been indicated that one unfilled P-9 position might be loaned to the Central Intelligence Agency from each of your departments on a temporary basis pending enactment of our proposed law. There would be a resulting advantage to the scientific intelligence program of the Government which would be of considerable specific benefit to each of your intelligence agencies.
4. The Chairman of the Research and Development Board supports this request and its stated basis.
5. It is requested that one P-9 position in each of your departments be made available to be filled on a temporary basis by appointees designated by, and to be detailed for full duty to, the Central Intelligence Agency. One of the positions should be between the \$14,000 and \$15,000 annual pay level. The other two will probably be desired at about a \$13,000 level.

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6. Early advice of action taken is requested.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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